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Examiner : Not Yet Assigned

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For : RESIST PATTERN FORMING METHOD AND RESIST PATTERN FORMING SYSTEM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following document:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-39728, which was published on February 12, 1999, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

Applicants note that this document is mentioned on page 1 of the specification of the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document is attached and is listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending, commonly assigned patent application:

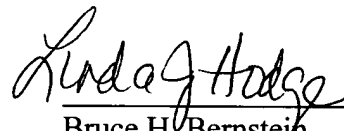
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/786,006 to KAWAGUCHI et al., entitled
"Method of Forming a Resist Pattern and Resist Pattern Forming Apparatus," which was
filed on February 26, 2004.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-noted
application is attached. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file
wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the
references of record, if any, cited therein.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present
application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted
material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the
undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

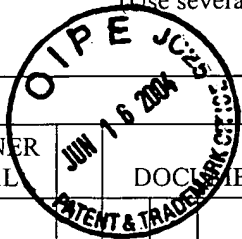
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